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The attached map shows only the areas of the most serious insurgency. There has been fighting against the government throughout the country, especially in the northern part.

The ethnic groups involved in these rebellions are:

The Pathans (or Pushtuns), living primarily in southern and eastern Afghanistan and across the border in Pakistan. Divided into many tribes and sub-tribes, they are the dominant ethnic group in the country.

The Hazaras are a Mongoloid people discriminated against for both ethnic and religious reasons. They are Shiahs.

The Nuristanis are an isolated people who were not converted to Islam until the late]9th Century.

The Tajiks--Persian speakers who are the second largest ethnic group--are scattered throughout the country, with the largest concentrations in the northeast and northwest.

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